(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to popularise the low cost building technologies?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL): (a) to (c). A Expert Group Meeting was convened at Madras from 4 - 7th February, 1992 by UN Centre for Human Settlements (UNCHS) (HABITAT), Nairobi to discuss the outline of the Theme Paper on 'Apropriate, Intermediate, Cost-effective building materials, technologies and transfer mechanisms for Housing Delivery' to be prepared by UNCHS for consideration at 14th Session of the Commission to be held in 1993. No. recommendations of this meeting have received by the Government.

Rural Development through Youth Organisations

*212. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering channelising some percentage of funds for rural development through various youth organisations;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) the progress made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Question does not arise.

House Building Advance

*213. SHRI PRAFUL PATEL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to increase the House Building Advance to Government employees;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which a decision is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise

[*Translation*]

Development of small and Cottage Industries

*214. SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received complaints regarding the adverse effect on the development of small and cottage industries due to the entry of multinationals in this field;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN) (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.